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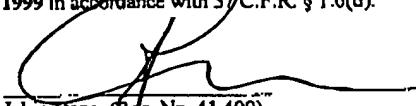
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Filed: December 31, 1997

Examiner: Kinfe-Michael Negash

Title: **Method And System For Restoring Coincident Line And Facility Failures****AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 22, 1999 ("Office Action"), please enter the following response in the above-referenced application ("Application"):

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are currently pending. The Examiner's remarks in the Office Action have been carefully considered and the foregoing amendments and the following remarks have been made in response thereto.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. More specifically, in paragraph two of the office action the Examiner has indicated that the identifying means, determining means, notification means, as well as the means of claims 12 must be shown or the feature(s) cancelled from the claims. Applicants respectfully point out that the all of these elements are showing the drawing figures. For example, considering Fig. 2, elements 106, 204, 206 A, B, C, . . . n, and

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